

**SPECIAL COMBINED MEETING
OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
AND MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES
Date: June 04, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

*Michael Ward, M.D., Vice Chair
Rodney Reed*

TELECONFERENCE:

*Paul Coe
Taylor Payson
Janine Anderson
Mark Venuti
Robert Ramsey
Daniel Spaite
Stewart Hamilton
David Ridings
Roy Ryals
Charlie Smith
Mike Evans
Jerry Stein
Ronalee Quarles
Misty Cisneros*

ADHS STAFF:

*Ed Armijo
Joel Bunis
Maria Herbert
Angie Cauthon*

ADHS STAFF ABSENT

*Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief
(Family Emergency)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Michael Hagerty
Sgt Martyn Fink
John Gallagher
Jeff Daniel
Kurt Krumperman
Coy Amerson
Scott Peterson
B. Gene McDaniels
Dale Woodridge
Bentley Bobrow, Chair*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Ward, Vice Chair called to order at 9:50 a.m. An expedited special meeting was held with the Medical Direction Committee members. A quorum was present

II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Review and approve rule change required by in House Bill to amend R9-25-504 to allow ambulances to transport patients to a healthcare institution that is licensed as a special hospital and that is physically connected to an emergency receiving facility.

Michael Ward, Vice Chair asked for a motion to accept the change. Rod Reed made a motion to accept the rule changes as written, seconded by Charlie Smith. Discussion: Mark Venuti requested the change of R9-25-504 rule **C. 2. Provides to the emergency medical patient a written list of health care institutions that are available to deliver emergency medical care of the emergency medical patient.** Mark Venuti recommends removing the word “written”. Robert Ramsey agrees. Maria Herbert explains that this is statutory language and

that the word “**written**” could not be removed without a statute change. Charlie Smith then said from his understanding in order to implement the rule they would have to give a written notice to the Bureau Emergency Medical Services and if they don’t implement the rule, what should they do? Ed Armijo responded by saying that if they don’t implement the rule, the rule does not go into effect for the patient being transported. Robert Ramsey asked if anyone has ever written to BEMSTS of their intent to implement even the old rule much less the new one, Mark Venuti replied yes. Robert Ramsey stated that in letter “**G**” of R9-25-504 “An emergency medical services provider or an ambulance service that implements this rule shall make available for Department of EMS review and inspection written records relating to the transport of an emergency medical patient under subsections (C), (D), and (E)”. What Robert Ramsey says the Department of EMS has every right to inspect their records (fire departments) but he believes that this must be a mistake because the Bureau of EMS does not really have the authority to regulate the 911 dispatch that the rule seems to imply, but if they do that’s fine, he just wanted to point that out. More importantly is that if you go to “**C**” in the first paragraph it implies that an EMT must do all of 1, 2, and 3 in all the parts, not sure if that was the intent of the Bureau of EMS; for an EMT to do any one of the following or does it mean that an EMT has to give the patient a “written” list? Mark Venuti responded by saying his understanding is that they (EMT’s) have to do all of 1, 2, and 3 because it is all part of the same thing. Mark Venuti then states that he would like to address the statutory language again regarding that the list has to be written; under 36-2205 F. 2. States; “Provide a list of alternative sites available to deliver care”. Does not state; “provide a written list.” The other issue is if you get into “written” lists what language does it have to be in. Ed Armijo agrees to the strike out the word “written”. Mark Venuti amends the motion to strike the word “written”. Amendment accepted by Robert Reed and seconded by Charlie Smith. Question was asked “does this relate in anyway to fire disasters at county or state level or declared emergencies for taking a patient to an alternate care site?” ED Armijo responds by saying it does not. Ed was then asked if there are any rulings relating to this. Ed Armijo said no, under a declared emergency the Governor has the right to suspend or modify rules at the time of declaration. No further discussion. Michael Ward asks for a vote, all in favor to amend motion to remove the word “written”. Motion passed with amendment to R9-25-504 to remove the word “written” from rule

III. CALL TO PUBLIC

No response

IV. Adjournment

Michael Ward, Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by the EMS Council September 19, 2008